

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:
  - a. receiving a broadcast with embedded information about the broadcast, said embedded information being provided to allow constructing a viewing record of the broadcast;
  - b. extracting and displaying content from said broadcast, ~~for displaying to a the viewer;~~
  - c. extracting said embedded information from said broadcast;
  - d. storing said embedded information;
  - e. at a predetermined time, sending said stored embedded information and viewer information to a remote computer to allow said remote computer to construct said viewing record; and
  - f. receiving providing specific incentives to the viewer based on said viewing record embedded information and said viewer information sent.
2. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:

- a. receiving a broadcast with information about the broadcast embedded into the broadcast at regular time periods, said information including timestamps each identifying a time slice during which the broadcast is received;
- b. extracting and displaying content from said broadcast, for displaying to the viewer;
- c. extracting said embedded information from said broadcast;
- d. incrementing counters for counting time slices during which said broadcast is received said time periods;
- e. storing said embedded information and said counter values;
- f. sending said embedded information, and said counter values and viewer information to a remote computer to allow a viewing time to be determined; and
- g. receiving providing specific incentives to the viewer based on said embedded information and said embedded information, said counter values and said viewer information sent viewing time.

3. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising

- a. embedding information ~~about a broadcast~~ along with the broadcast content, said embedded information including information that allows a viewing time of said broadcast content to be determined; and
  
- b. broadcasting said content with said embedded information to a remote viewer of the content.

4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 3 further comprising:
  - a. receiving obtaining stored embedded information from said viewer about said broadcast so as to determine said viewing time; and
  
  - b. sending specific incentives to said viewer based on said viewing time information received.
  
5. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:
  - a. embedding information ~~about the broadcast~~ along with the broadcast content at regular time periods, wherein said embedded information, when collected over time, allows a viewing record of the broadcast to be determined; and
  
  - b. broadcasting said content with said embedded information to a remote viewer of the content.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 5 further comprising

- a. ~~receiving providing collected embedded~~ information from said viewer about said broadcast at a predetermined time point;
- b. ~~from said collected embedded information, determining a number of time slices during which the broadcast is received by the viewer receiving counter values for the number of time slices viewed by said viewer~~; and
- c. sending specific incentives to said viewer based on said time slices information received and said counter values received.

7. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:

- a. receiving information ~~about representing a viewing record of a broadcast from by a remote viewer of said broadcast~~; and
- b. sending specific incentives to the remote viewer based on said viewing record information received.

8. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:

- a. receiving information about a broadcast from a remote viewer of said broadcast;
- b. receiving counter values ~~for representing~~ the number of time slices viewed by the viewer, and
- c. sending specific incentives to the remote viewer determined by a viewing record of a broadcast by said remote viewer, said viewing record based on said information received and said counter values received.

9. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:

- a. receiving information ~~about a broadcast~~ from a remote viewer representing a viewing record of said broadcast by said remote viewer;
- b. searching a database for information about sponsors of the content of said broadcast and the incentives offered by said sponsors;
- c. creating a Web page containing links to all sponsor incentive websites and to specific incentives based on said database information and said information received from said viewer; and
- d. sending said Web page ~~back~~ to said viewer.

10. (Currently amended) A method for allowing content to be broadcast without commercial interruption, yet letting the company or companies sponsoring the broadcast to offer purchasing incentives to viewers, the method comprising:

- a. receiving information about viewing of content of a broadcast from by a remote viewer of said broadcast;
- b. receiving counter values ~~for representing~~ the number of time slices during which the broadcast was viewed by said viewer;
- c. searching a database for information about sponsors of the content and the incentives offered by said sponsors;
- d. creating a Web page containing links to all sponsor incentive websites and to specific incentives based on said ~~database~~ information resulting from said searching, and said information received from said remote viewer and said counter values; and
- e. sending said Web page ~~back~~ to said viewer.